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### Clark's Anemonefish (*Amphiprion clarkii*) - Damsel fish

Up to 5.5 in. Black to orange body, with **two white bars of equal width**. Distinguished from Orangefin Anemonefish by sharp color demarcation at tail base and dark portion on some/all of dorsal (dark never on dorsal in Orangefin). Photo by: Paul Humann.



### Pink Anemonefish (*Amphiprion perideraion*) - Damsel fish

Up to 4 in. Pink to orange body. **Narrow white bar on side of face**. White stripe runs along top of fish. Photo by Paddy Ryan.



### Tomato Anemonefish (*Amphiprion frenatus*) - Damsel fish

Up to 2.5 in (male), up to 5.5 in (female). Body is orange (male) or black (female), with **single wide white to pale blue stripe on face**. Exclusively lives with Bulb-tentacle anemone. Photo by: Ron Lucas.



### Charcoal Damselfish (*Pomacentrus coelestis*) - Damsel fish

Up to 2.5". **Uniformly colored**, charcoal-gray to black. Has a **large black spot at base of pectoral**. Distinguished from other species with spot by uniformity of body color. Juveniles are blue with spot at pectoral, but lack any ocellated spot in dorsal. Feed up in water column in groups. Photo by: Paul Humann.



### Neon Damselfish (*Pomacentrus coelestis*) - Damsel fish

Up to 3.5 in. Neon blue damselfish with yellow or blue ventral and anal fins. **Tail and anal fin have a blue margin**. Relatively shallow species, typically found in groups above rubble. Photo by: Florent Charpin.



### Zigzag Wrasse (TP) (*Halichoeres scapularis*)- Wrasse

Up to 8 in. Green body with blue/lavender scale margins. Distinguished by large **black diffuse stripe on forebody**. Relatively shallow species, typically found in rubble or sand/seagrass areas. Photo by: Paul Humann.





**Zigzag Wrasse (IP/Juv) (*Halichoeres scapularis*)- Wrasse**

Up to 6 in. **White** or pale green body. Distinguished by **zipper-like black mid body stripe** (slightly darker above pectoral fin (that mark gets more noticeable with age)).

Photo by: Paul Humann



**Goldstripe Wrasse (TP) (*Halichoeres hartzfeldii*)- Wrasse**

Up to 8 in. Green body. **Bright yellow patch at pectoral fin base**, and four black spots along mid-body near tail.

Photo by: Paul Humann.



**Goldstripe Wrasse (IP) (*Halichoeres hartzfeldii*)- Wrasse**

Up to 4 in. Pinkish body, broad yellow stripe along mid-body, and whitish belly. Common in sand and and rubble areas.

Photo by: Paul Humann.



**Twospot Wrasse (*Oxycheilinus bimaculatus*) - Wrasse**

Up to 6 in. Variable shades, ranging from red to brown to green. Yellow at base of pectoral fin is consistent. Unique diamond tail shape with streamers on top and bottom is notable.

Photo by Florent Charpin.



**Shoulderbar Goby (*Gnatholepis cauerensis*) - Goby**

Up to 1.5 in. White with numerous brown spots and blotches. **Thick black bar through eyes**. Distinguished from other sand gobies with eyebars by a **small orange shoulder/ear spot**. Found on sandy/rubble bottoms.

Photo by: Florent Charpin.



**Decorated Sandgoby (*Istigobius decoratus*) - Goby**

Up to 3.5 in. Whitish to pale tan with faint brown lines and spots. Distinguished from other sandgobies by **row of brown dashes and white spots along mid-body** (looks like a series of Morse code).

Photo by: Florent Charpin.



**Orange-dashed Goby (*Valenciennesa puellaris*) - Goby**

Up to 5.5 in. Relatively large goby, typically in pairs on sandy bottoms. Pale body with large orange spots on side above an orange stripe running down the body.

Photo by: Florent Charpin.





**Striped Goby (*Asterropteryx striata*) - Goby**

Up to 1 in. Very common, **small goby found on rubble bottoms**. Wide **black/brown stripe running along top side of fish from eye to tail**. White belly.  
Photo by: Florent Charpin.



**Neon Dwarf goby (*Eviota atriventris*) - Goby**

Up to 1 in. Tiny **red dwarf goby with two bright yellow stripes** running the length of the fish. Belly often black with white stripe.  
Photo by: Florent Charpin.



**Black-saddled Toby (*Canthigaster valentini*) - Puffer**

Up to 4 in. Four black saddles across back, **two saddles extend down on belly**. Similar Mimic Filefish looks similar. Distinguished by fin location – **puffer has one small dorsal fin like a “puff”**, filefish has elongated fin.  
Photo by: Alfonso Gonzalez/flickr.com.



**Striped Catfish (*Plotosus lineatus*) – Eel-tailed Catfish**

Up to 13 in. Black and brown with **4 pairs of white stripes** and barbels around mouth. Lives in sandy / muck areas. Juveniles form large schools.  
Photo by: Florent Charpin.



**Ornate Ghost Pipefish (*Solenostomus cyanopterus*) – Ghost Pipefish**

Up to 4.5 in. Variable colors. Often seen in pairs; females are larger. Short skin filaments give it a **spiky appearance**. Typically seen snout down.  
Photo by: Florent Charpin.